

AQA English Language

Exam Structure

At Rossett we follow the **AQA English Language course**. In this course students will sit **two exams** which are **80 marks** each and worth **50%** of the GCSE each. Each exam is **1 hour and 45 minutes**. The exam specification can be found here:

[AQA | GCSE | English Language | Specification at a glance](#)

Paper 1

- Explorations in creative reading and writing:
- Section A – reading a fiction source and answering 4 questions
- Section B – narrative or descriptive writing based on a stimulus

Paper 2

- Writers' viewpoints and perspectives
- Section A – reading two non-fiction sources and answering 4 questions
- Section B – viewpoint writing, e.g, article, letter or speech.

Exam Paper Practice

Once you have revised all of Paper 1 or Paper 2 content you now need to practice a full paper under timed conditions.

[AQA | GCSE | English Language | Assessment resources](#)

Command words

Evaluative verbs: implies, suggests, conveys, connotes, illustrates, adumbrates, infers, demonstrates.

Other useful revision sites:

[GCSE English Language - AQA - BBC Bitesize](#)

Knowledge to Learn

Familiarise yourself with grammatical word classes and methods used by writers to enhance their writing,

Refer to glossary from your English lessons.

Explanations and support

These links will take you to useful videos to support with Language Paper 1 and Paper 2 skills.

[mr bruff youtube english language - Search Videos \(bing.com\)](#)

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AQA English Literature

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Paper 1

- **Macbeth**
- **Jekyll & Hyde**

Paper 2

- **An Inspector Calls**
- **Power & Conflict poetry**
- **Unseen Poetry**

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Refer to your class team for a knowledge organiser for each text. These are also available in paper form from the English office if you would prefer. Email your class teacher for a digital copy.

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